

19 March 2026

Dear Stakeholder

Re: Final Decision on Proposed Communication and Interaction Resource Base (CIRB) – Stow Heath Primary School

On 18 March 2026, the Cabinet of the City of Wolverhampton Council considered the outcome of consultation and approved the establishment of a Communication and Interaction Resource Base (CIRB) at Stow Heath Primary School.

The 20 place base will support children with Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), effective from January 2028.

The CIRB was approved to enable the Council to continue to fulfil its statutory duty to ensure the sufficiency of school places for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Stow Heath Primary School is being rebuilt through the Department for Education's School Rebuilding Programme. As part of this project, sufficient specialist facilities that will help meet the needs of the children have been planned within the new school building for the CIRB.

While some disruption during the construction works is unavoidable, steps to minimise the impact on pupils, parents, and school staff will be taken. To address parking pressures and traffic congestion, the Stow Heath Primary School rebuild includes dedicated access routes, an expanded drop-off zone for the CIRB, extra staff parking, and improved traffic-management features such as separated pedestrian and vehicle routes. These measures are designed to reduce congestion and improve safety. The Council's Highways Team will review the plans as part of the planning process and may recommend further road-safety improvements.

If you have any queries, please contact the School Organisation Team at school.organisation@wolverhampton.gov.uk

Yours sincerely



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